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DENIES ARABIC SINKING.

Stated in Statement Now on Way From Berlin, That Germany Will Disclaim Responsibility.

SECRETARY LANSING HOLDS CONFERENCE WITH AMBASSADOR BERNSTORFF—AMBASSADOR WILL REMAIN IN WASHINGTON TO DELIVER MESSAGE—ALL SUBMARINE COMMANDERS ORDERED TO FOLLOW RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW—AMERICANS LEAVE GERMANY PREPARATORY TO POSSIBLE RUPTURE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

Must Wait Two Weeks for Report.

Special to The Daily Item.

Berlin, Aug. 26.—Von Jagow told Ambassador Girard today that it would be two weeks before the report of the sinking of the Arabic would be available.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Ambassador Bernstorff and Secretary Lansing held a conference which lasted thirty-five minutes. It is learned from a high diplomatic source that Germany will disavow the sinking of the Arabic. Bernstorff will remain at Washington a few days which is taken to mean that Germany's disavowal is on the way.

Ambassador Bernstorff told Secretary Lansing that Germany has ordered all submarine commanders to obey the rules of international law.

AMERICANS LEAVE GERMANY.

Belief Prevails in Germany That Rupture is Certain.

Rotterdam, Aug. 26.—Scores of Americans are hastening from Germany in the belief that Ambassador Girard has made preparations to leave at a moment's notice. No discourtesy has been shown Americans since the government took steps to forbid the publication of anti-American articles. It is believed that the severance of diplomatic relations cannot be averted.

A MOMENTOUS INTERVIEW.

Secretary Lansing Receives the German Ambassador Von Bernstorff.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Immediately on arriving at his office this morning Secretary Lansing sent word to Ambassador von Bernstorff that he would be glad to receive him at his earliest convenience. The ambassador stated that he will call at 11 o'clock.

GERMAN HELD IN CUSTODY.

Gustav Kopsch Arrested and Held for Trial for Taking Pictures of Forts.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Gustav Kopsch, a young German, employed as an instrument maker by the Carnegie Institute here, was arrested tonight by agents of the department of justice charged with violating the federal law by making pictures of military reservations. He was held in \$5,000 bail and will be sent to Norfolk for trial in federal court there.

According to the officers, Kopsch had in his possession photographs of the fortifications and guns at Fortress Monroe and of the reservation at Cape Henry, Va., where the government is planning extensive works to defend the entrance to Chesapeake Bay.

Kopsch returned to Washington last Friday, after a vacation of about 20 days. He had been under surveillance part of the time at Fortress Monroe, where he is said to have asked many questions and attracted attention. A. Bruce Bielaski, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, took personal charge of the case and after an inquiry ordered the arrest.

When arrested the prisoner is said to have made no attempt to deny taking the pictures, but insisted that a drunken sentry at Fortress Monroe gave him permission to use his camera there. He offered no explanation of his purpose in making the photographs.

Kopsch is 27 years old and has been in the United States two or three years. According to the government's information, he served in the German army and at the outbreak of the war reported to the German consul at Baltimore to return home for duty. His service was not accepted, it is said, because there was no way of getting reservists to Germany.

WILL WAIT REASONABLE TIME

WILSON WILL NOT WAIT INDEFINITELY FOR GERMAN EXPLANATION.

Bernstorff Has Been so Informed and Will Come to Washington to Confer with President and Secretary.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The United States will wait "a reasonable time" for Germany's side of the sinking of the Arabic. But won't hold the matter open indefinitely. It was learned today that this is the position taken by President Wilson following a conference with Secretary Lansing. Ambassador Bernstorff will be so informed. It is expected that Bernstorff will come to Washington from New York shortly for a conference with the president and Secretary Lansing. Summaries of the affidavits of passengers and the captain of the Arabic are now in the hands of the state department, all agreeing that the vessel was torpedoed without warning. Secretary Lansing refused to say whether a disavowal by the German government of the sinking of the Arabic would satisfy the United States without adequate punishment for the submarine commander, if he disregarded instructions.

MAY BRING OFFICIAL REPORT.

Secretary Carver Sails for America From England.

London, Aug. 25.—Private Secretary Clifford Carver, of the American embassy, sailed for America today. It is believed that he carries the official report of Ambassador Page of the destruction of the Arabic.

WANTS PEACE WITH U. S.

German Official Says That Germany Does Not Want War With This Country.

Berlin, Aug. 25.—"Germany does not want war with the United States," was emphatically declared by a high official of the German government today. "We are confident there will be no war. The enemies of Germany are doing everything possible to cause difficulties, but we trust to the fairness of Americans to see through these efforts." He declared that Germany was "using every precaution to prevent loss of life on ships they attack." He stated that if the Arabic was intentionally sunk without warning the act would be disavowed by the German government.

FREED FROM SERVICE.

Young American Released From Italian Army.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The Italian ambassador today notified the state department that Italy had released from military service Uga Da Patro of Boston, son of an Italian naturalized in the United States. Officials regard this as establishing an important precedent.

Da Patro was born in Boston in 1895 after his father had been naturalized, but inasmuch as he and his father had resided in Italy two years before the beginning of the present war the son, still a minor, was pressed into military duty on the theory that his father by his two-year residence again had become an Italian subject.

The state department urged Da Patro's release on the ground that the father had returned to Italy as the representative of an American firm.

INVESTIGATE ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH.

Will Find If It Was Proper to Be Delivered to Soldiers at Plattsburg.

Washington, Aug. 26.—The propriety of Roosevelt's speech to soldiers at Plattsburg is being investigated by the war department.

BREST-LITOVSK HAS FALLEN.

STORMED AND CAPTURED BY AUSTRO-GERMAN FORCES IN SINGLE DAY—SAYS BERLIN DISPATCH.

Other Strong Fortresses in Danger of Falling, Will be Evacuated—English Steamer Falls Prey to Submarine—Grenade and Artillery Battles in France.

Brest-Litovsk Taken by Storm. Special to The Daily Item.

Berlin, Aug. 26.—Brest-Litovsk was stormed and captured by Austro-Germans last night. This is an unparalleled feat in the history of the war.

RUSSIAN STRONGHOLDS FALL.

Germans Announce Impending Capture of Three Great Forts.

Berlin, Aug. 26.—The fall of Brest-Litovsk, Grodno and Bielstok is only a matter of a few days, according to dispatches from the front. Heavy shells are falling on Brest-Litovsk from the west, south and southeast. The iron circle is drawing closer. Gen. von Echern's advance toward Vitna and Kovno is expected to result in the Russians evacuating Grodno. Grand Duke Nicholas said to be already withdrawing his army from Bielstok.

A BIG AEROPLANE RAID.

Many Bombs Dropped on German Arms Factory at Dillingen.

Paris, Aug. 26.—In the greatest air raid since the war begun, sixty-two French war planes dropped a hundred and fifty bombs on the arms works and furnaces at Dillingen, Rhenish Prussia. Immense damage has been done in the artillery duels at Artois. Grenade fighting is going on at Neuville, Sauschez and Argonne.

British Steamer Sunk.

London, Aug. 26.—The British steamer Windsor, a vessel of six thousand tons, was submarined today. The crew was saved.

Will Evacuate Bielstok.

Petrograd, Aug. 26.—It is announced here that orders have been issued for the evacuation of Bielstok on account of the superior numerical strength of the enemy.

Berlin, Aug. 25.—The Teutons have occupied Kovel, leaving only one railroad out of Brestlitovsk in the hands of the Russians over which a retreat may be made. The Germans have captured a fort on a hill at Kopytown, southeast of Brestlitovsk, making the first breach of the outer works of the great fortress. It is predicted that Brestlitovsk will fall before Saturday.

BUILD POISON FACTORY.

Germans Will Use Gas to Drive Russians Back.

Geneva, Aug. 25.—Teutonic successes at Brestlitovsk have already cost the Germans 25,000 men. After seven days of battle the Russians have evacuated their position on the northwest front of the fortress. The Germans have built a poison gas factory at Biala.

Object to Japan's Aid.

Tokio, Aug. 25.—That the Russians have appealed to Japan to send troops to Europe is a substantiated report here. The request is being discussed by the cabinet, but probably will be unsuccessful, as opposition to Japan's further active participation in the war is steadily increasing.

Allies Capture Trenches.

Paris, Aug. 25.—The reinforced allies have resumed offensive actions in the Dardanelles, gaining eight hundred yards of Turkish trenches.

Two More Trawlers Sunk.

London, Aug. 25.—The trawlers Integrity and Young Frank have been submarined. Their crews were saved.

Aerial Raid on Constantinople.

London, Aug. 25.—Forty-one were killed and wounded in the bombardment of Constantinople by Russian aeroplanes Monday. Most of the victims were suburban residents.

Turkish Sloops Sunk.

Athens, Aug. 25.—Four Turkish sloops carrying troops to Gallipoli were submarined by a British underwater boat today. The Turks have

WON'T SEIZE NEUTRAL COTTON

ONLY THAT INTENDED FOR ENEMY DESTINATION.

British Embassy Declines to Insure Passage of Any Particular Cargo—No Official Statement Yet.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Cotton cargoes for neutral countries will not be confiscated under the recent decree of the allies declaring cotton contraband if within the normal consumption of those countries. This assurance was given cotton shippers today in a statement issued from the British embassy.

The statement reads:

"It is a misapprehension to suppose that the declaration of cotton to be contraband will further restrict those consignments of cotton to neutral countries which are proved to be exclusively destined for the normal consumption of those countries. The embassy has no authority, however, to give any assurance as to the immunity of particular shipments, but under the procedure of international law relating to absolute contraband, evidence of ultimate enemy destination will be necessary to the condemnation of cotton as lawful prize."

The declaration of the British embassy to give any pledge as to what will be done with any particular cotton shipment is understood to be based upon the fact that it will be for the home authority to determine what is the normal consumption of the neutral country to which the cotton is consigned. Warships probably will continue to stop cotton ships to make sure of the neutral destination of the cargoes and their cases may be sent to the prize court.

No formal notice has yet been served upon the state department of the issue of the contraband decree, and it is expected that the department will take notice of its publication in the official journals of London, Paris and Petrograd. Nothing has been done yet towards preparing a protest against the decree.

It was indicated at the state department today that objection would be made to the requirement under the contraband order that American cotton shippers assume the burden of proof that their cargoes would not eventually reach Germany and Austria, and that in amount they were not in excess of the normal consumption of the neutral country to which they are consigned. It was explained that this same object was sought as to all classes of goods, including cotton, by the orders in council, to which the department has objected.

This will be sought in a note to Great Britain on neutral trade now in course of preparation.

WILL NOT ANNEX HAITI.

United States Disavows Any Such Intention—Saved Country From Professional Revolutionists.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Complete disavowal that the United States plans the annexation of either a whole or part of Haiti was made by Secretary Lansing today. He declared the United States acted to save Haiti from professional revolutionists and won't even ask an American naval base.

PEACE MEDAL FOR WILSON.

Awarded by American School Peace League.

Oakland, Cal., Aug. 23.—The American School Peace League, in session here today, awarded its annual medal to President Wilson for distinguished services for peace during the preceding year. This was the principal event in today's session of the National Education Association and allied organizations.

Randall J. Condon, superintendent of schools at Cincinnati, was recommended by the nominating committee of the Peace League to succeed himself as president. William Howard Taft is honorary president.

The question of the scope of vocational training continued to be a live issue. J. Stanley Brown, of Joliet, Ill., said in a speech today that the high school "is under no obligation to supply ready-made human units or cogs for a machine whose sole interest is not in the human unit, but in the turning out of a product which may be sold for money."

ordered forty thousand reinforcements sent to Gallipoli.

Cruisers Penetrate Dardanelles.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Two allied cruisers penetrated the Dardanelles Sunday, bombarding the Turkish batteries at Kasteana, says a dispatch from Mitylene.

STANDING BY PRESIDENT.

CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF SCOR STATES TENDER "CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT."

In "Hour of Deep International Concern" Wilson is Promised Backing of The People.

Boston, Aug. 24.—Resolutions of confidence and support were sent to President Wilson today by governors of nearly a score of States attending their annual conference here.

These resolutions, introduced by Gov. Walsh of Massachusetts, said:

"The governors of the several commonwealths of the nation, in convention, desire to tender to you their confidence and support in this hour of deep international concern, and to assure you of their readiness to follow your leadership in all matters you may deem best to promote the honor and maintain the peace and welfare of the nation and the whole people."

A sharp division of opinion manifested itself at the conclusion of addresses by Former Gov. William H. Mann of Virginia and Govs. Robert L. Williams of Oklahoma and Moses Alexander of Idaho. Former Gov. Alva Adams of Colorado took advantage of the opportunity of discussion afforded by this.

Francis E. McGovern, former governor of Wisconsin, in referring to Mr. Adams, said it was the people who were demanding increased powers for the governors.

He expressed the belief that the governor's powers might be well increased without encroaching on the legislative branch.

At the suggestion of Former Gov. Franklin T. Fort of New Jersey, presiding, Judge James H. Felder of New Jersey told of the plan of the short ballot in his State, and said that not only were the people satisfied, but they would be better pleased if it were shorter.

AMERICAN EMBASSY ATTACKED.

Mobs Trying to Capture Italians Who Sought Protection of American Embassy.

Athens, Aug. 26.—Salonika dispatches report that the American embassy at Constantinople has been attacked three times by Turkish mobs bent on capturing the Italians who have sought refuge there. Several of the attackers were killed by troops sent to guard the embassy at the request of Ambassador Morgenthau. The troops are still on guard.

WORK FOR PROHIBITION.

Forces of Clarendon Plan Campaign of County.

Manning, Aug. 25.—Orders have gone forth for the mobilization of the prohibition forces of Clarendon county preparatory to the special election to be held on September 14. A campaign to cover all the county has been arranged and a number of professional and business men will take part. The first rally will be held in the court house next Sunday night when special exercises will be held in lieu of the accustomed church services. After that appointments will be made covering all sections of the county for the next two Sundays. The campaigners will be divided into two companies of about a dozen each and they will be prepared to present the cause of temperance in all its phases, especially the business and moral standpoints. Not all the men taking part will make addresses, for some are noted singers and will render several appropriate and catchy songs at the several meetings. Much interest is being manifested in the campaign and large audiences are expected.

The following men are expected to be included in company No. 1: R. J. Alderman, E. W. Barron, M. D., Mayor A. C. Bradham, C. R. Breedin, A. P. Burgess, J. E. Davis, G. L. Dickson, M. D., James S. Dickson, J. G. Dinkins, Charlton DuRant, H. I. Ellerbe, C. B. Geiger, M. D., and E. C. Horton. Company No. 2 will include the following: L. H. Harvin, S. O. O'Bryan, Joseph Sprott, W. M. Plowden, C. R. Sprott, F. C. Thomas, C. V. Verner, J. L. Well, C. W. Wells, R. C. Wells, E. O. Richardson, W. M. Brockington, M. D., and others.

CITY OFFICIAL GIVES UP.

Charged With Theft of City's Books—Released on \$10,000 Bond.

Nashville, Aug. 26.—Assistant City Treasurer West, charged with the theft of the city's books, gave himself up today. He was released on \$10,000 bond. He made no statement.

NO SPECIAL MAN CHOSEN.

UNITED STATES NOT INTERESTED IN PERSONALITIES.

Carranza Answer, Which His Agents Say is Expected to Be Appeal for Recognition, is at Hand.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The State department today denied that the United States government ever had considered "any particular man for provisional president of Mexico." The statement was prompted by inquiries from Mexico regarding reports that the Pan-American conferees thought of suggesting some particular Mexican leader to head a provisional government.

The name of Vasquez Tagle, minister of justice in the Madero cabinet, had been mentioned frequently, and recently a report had been circulated that Gen. Obregon was being considered.

Gen. Carranza's agents here said tonight that their chief's reply to the Pan-American appeal would reach Washington shortly. It is expected to suggest prompt recognition of the Carranza government as the surest way of aiding Mexico.

European diplomatic agents are said to have given encouragement to Carranza's representatives here. C. A. Douglas, Carranza's attorney, today submitted to Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, Carranza's claims for recognition. The British government has said that it would follow the lead of the United States.

Administration officials are waiting with keen interest news of fighting between Carranza and Villa forces near Monterey. On the result of this battle the future course of the Pan-American conferees may depend.

The Villa agency issued a statement today saying it had received details of the fighting recently at Icamole which show that Carranza forces suffered a severe defeat. The railroad between Laredo and Monterey had been cut, the statement added. "Two states, Chihuahua and Morelos, are entirely under control of the convention (Villa) forces," it continued. "Oaxaca is neutral. Forces of both factions are contending in all other states of the republic, and it is absurd for any one to claim control of them."

EL PASO THREATENED.

Mexicans Plan to Capture Texas City and Loot It.

El Paso, Aug. 26.—This city is practically under martial law, following reports that Carranza, Orozco and Huerta adherents have planned to capture and loot the city. Many Mexicans were arrested last night and early today. Two regiments of United States troops are on guard. Several hundred Mexicans who attempted to cross the international bridge were turned back. Gen. Huerta is closely guarded at Fort Bliss, and several Mexicans have been arrested when they tried to see him.

VILLA FORCES DEFEATED.

Monterey Again Sees Disaster to Rival of Carranza.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Villa's forces suffered a crushing defeat around Monterey, according to official advice received today. Villa is expected to send reinforcements to Gen. Hernandez, who was wounded in the fighting.

MAY CALL ANOTHER CONFERENCE.

Secretary Lansing Meets With Guatemalan Ministers.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Lansing held a conference this morning with Ambassador Naon of Argentina, Minister Mendez of Guatemala and Senor Ortega, the Guatemalan minister deported by Carranza, on the Mexican situation. It is believed that another conference of the Latin-American diplomats will be called.

FOUND BABY AT THE DOOR.

Darlington Family Aroused by Ringing of Bell.

Darlington, Aug. 25.—On Sunday night an infant girl was left at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cobb. Mr. Cobb states that he was aroused by the ringing of his door bell and while on his way to the door heard an automobile drive off. The child was poorly clad in two garments and wrapped in a large cloth, but none of them have so far afforded any clue as to the identity of the ones who abandoned the baby.